



# Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

CROSSINGVILLE

Lord's Day - 02-27-2022

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Glory be forever!

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 3. Repose of St. Raphael,  
Bishop of Brooklyn (1915). Sunday of the Last Judgment. Ven.**

Prokopios the Confessor of Decapolis (8th c.). Ven. Titus, Presbyter, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1190). Ven. Titus the Soldier, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Thalelæus, Hermit, of Syria (460).

## HOLY HYMNS

**Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)**

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
great mercy.

**Tone 1 Troparion (St. Raphael)**

Your proclamation has gone out through North America,  
calling the scattered sheep into the unity of the Church.  
Hearing your voice, they respond to your teaching,  
and through your writings you instructed them in piety.  
Now guided by your example, O Father Raphael,  
we sing hymns of praise to Christ our God:  
“Glory to Him Who gave you strength!  
Glory to Him Who granted you a crown!//  
Glory to Him Who, through you, grants healing to all!”

**Tone 8 Kontakion (St. Raphael)**

You were a guardian and a defender of the Church's teaching,  
you protected your flock from false doctrines and confirmed them  
in the true faith!  
O holy Father Raphael, son of Syria and glory of North America, //  
always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 1 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)**

When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory,  
all things shall tremble,  
and the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat;  
the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed;  
then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, //  
and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Righteous  
Judge!

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon (from the Lenten Triodion)**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is  
beyond measure. (Ps. 146:5)

*V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)*

**Tone 1 Prokeimenon (St. Raphael)**

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall  
be understanding. (Ps. 48:3)

**Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to  
God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)*

*V. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make  
a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise. (Ps. 94:2)*

Tone 2

*V. The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his  
tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)*

## HOLY SCRIPTURE

**Hebrews 13:17-21 (Epistle, St. Raphael)**

Obeys those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch  
out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so  
with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.  
Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in  
all things desiring to live honorably. But I especially urge you to do  
this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of  
peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great  
Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting  
covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will,  
working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus  
Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)**

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we  
the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest  
somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those  
who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating  
in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be  
emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of  
your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ  
died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound  
their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food  
makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make  
my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I  
not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?  
If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you  
are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

**John 10:9-16 (Gospel, St. Raphael)**

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go  
in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to  
steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have  
life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good  
shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a  
hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the  
sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the  
wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees  
because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the  
good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.  
As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down  
My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this  
fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there  
will be one flock and one shepherd.

**Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)**

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels  
with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the  
nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one  
from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And  
He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.  
Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you  
blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from  
the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me  
food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and  
you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and  
you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'  
Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we  
see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?  
When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and  
clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to  
You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say  
to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My  
brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the  
left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire  
prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you  
gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a  
stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe  
Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will  
answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty

or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## Pray with out ceasing...

**PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN**

**YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:** Those in need - Judy and the newly born Ophilea, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Isaac, Fr. David, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Zachariah, Iguman Patrick, Hieromonk Herman, Fr. Dusan, Fr. Christopher, Prez. Alexandria, Mat. Gail, Mat. Donna, Mat. Pirsilla, Mat. Trudi, John, Boris, Tamara, Olga, Susan, Ron, Karen, Mary B. Margret, Bill S., Lexi, John, Nickolas, Timothy, Preston, Olivia, Jesse, Grace Delani, Jeremiah, Sandy, William, Steve A., Anna, Sally, Noah, Annisatita, Paul, Ira...

The Homebound Mary G, Theodore

Travelers - Dankos, Rachockis

Catechumen/Inquirers- Matthew, Katherine, Abigail, Caris, Josiah, Bethany, Brenda, Christian, Don, David and Family...

Special requests... Paul, Gilbert, Joanne, Phyllis, Anthony, Ian, Paul, James, Sean, Liam, Bill, Wesley, Kim, Margaret, Loren, Julia, Shelby, Janet, Lynn, Margret, Helen, Dan, Jonathan, Donna, Nicholas, Maya, Mia, Charles, Gregory, Donna, Laura, Laken, Bob, Gary, Bill...

Departed : newly departed Valentina, Priest Anastacy, Marie Guidus, Vincent, Richard, George,

John Sasala is home, please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.

## HOLY WORDS

Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who

are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

You must love every man with your whole soul, but put your hope in the one God, and serve Him alone. For as long as He is protecting us and our friends (the angels) are helping us, our enemies (the demons) cannot inflict evil upon us. But when He forsakes us, the also our friends turn away from us, and our enemies receive power over us.

(St. Maximus Confessor, Chapters on Love, 4.95)

The Holy Orthodox Church has never perceptibly changed from Apostolic times, and, therefore, no one can go astray in finding out what she teaches. Like her Lord and Master, though at times surrounded with human malaria — which He in mercy pardons — she is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 8:8) ... the mother and safe deposit of "the truth as it is in Jesus" (Eph.4:21). – St. Raphael of Brooklyn

As it is not possible to walk without feet or fly without wings, so it is impossible to attain the Kingdom of Heaven without the fulfillment of the commandments.

(St. Theophan the Recluse, Five Teaching on the Way to Salvation, 3)

God values deeds according to their intentions. For it is said, "The Lord grant unto you according to your heart" (Ps. 19:5) ... Therefore, whoever wants to do something but can't is considered as having done it by God, who sees the intentions of our hearts. This applies to both good and evil deeds alike. (St. Mark the Ascetic, Homilies, 1.184, 2.16)

## Parish Services and Activities

(Calendar changes see website)

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**SEE LENTEN CALENDAR**

**Today Divine Liturgy** 9:30am - Coffee Hour - Parish Ed - Break

**UPCOMING PRE/LENTEN SERVICES**

Tues. Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> - Women's Bible Study - 10am

Thur. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Missions Team Meeting - 6pm at the Rectory

**Sat. Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> - Prospora making Class - 1pm --Great Vespers 4pm**

Sun. Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> - FORGIVNESS SUNDAY

Mar. 7-10 Mon.-Thurs. CANON OF ST ANDREW - 6PM

Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> PreSanctified Liturgy- 6pm

Sat. Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> Lenten Retreat 21-4pm

**Parish Education** is in need of donations to outfit the various Church School supplies. These donations would be for permanent supplies that will stay with the room for years to come. Please contact Kyra if you would like to donate, her email is:

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